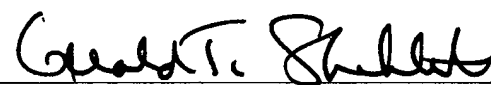

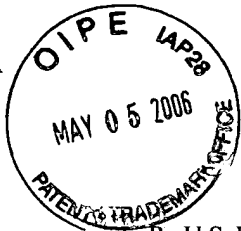


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Applicant(s): Erik Peter Bleuel et al.						
Application No. 10/562,489	Filing Date 12/22/2005	Examiner Not Yet Assigned	Customer No. 24628	Group Art Unit NYA	Confirmation No. 5991	
Invention: METHOD FOR HISTOPROCESSING						
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Applicant: Erik Peter Bleuel et al.

Serial No.: 10/562,489

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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 USC 371 IN THE U.S. DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

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Dear Sir:

The Notification of Missing Requirements of April 4, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and listed below are the following documents previously filed on April 5, 2006 with the U.S. Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) and are again filed in response thereto.

- 1) Transmittal Letter to the U.S. Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning A Submission Under 35 USC 371 dated April 5, 2005;
- 2) Copy of Check No. 099272 for \$170.00;
- 3) Combined form Declaration/Power of Attorney;
- 4) Assignment cover sheet;
- 5) Assignment;
- 6) Certificate of Express Mail; and
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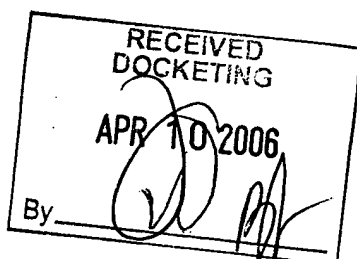
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 12/22/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 12/22/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 12/22/2005
- Copy of Annexes to the IPER filed on 12/22/2005
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- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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TITLE OF INVENTION

METHOD OF HISTOPROCESSING

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

Erik Peter BLEUEL, Gerald Wilson HOFLAND

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☐ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☒ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☐ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
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6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
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7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
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 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
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8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).
11. ☐ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12. ☐ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).

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13. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate coversheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15. ☐ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
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